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The Problem:

The current bass fishing season structure on inland waters north of State Highway 64 is as follows: Catch and Release only from the 1st Saturday in May through the 3rd Friday in June, catch and keep is allowed from the 3rd Saturday in June through the 1st Sunday in March of the following year. Bass fishing is closed after the 1st Sunday of March until the 1st Saturday in May.

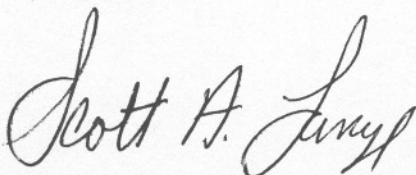
The bass season structure of catch and release only from the 1st Saturday in May through the 3rd Friday in June does not include the Wisconsin River and its flowages north of State Highway 64.

Bass are extremely vulnerable to harvest during the spawning period and should be protected with a catch and release only season. The bass season structure on the Wisconsin River and its flowages should be consistent with the bass season structure for other inland waters north of Highway 64.

A public meeting was held in Tomahawk, WI on April 21st, 2003 to discuss fishing opportunities on the Wisconsin River and its flowages. Seventy One percent of the attendees voted in favor of implementing a bass season framework on the Wisconsin River system that is consistent with other inland lakes north of State Highway 64.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Lincoln County on April 10th, 2006, recommends the Department of Natural Resources take action to correct this situation by introducing rule changes to make the bass season structure on the Wisconsin River and its flowages north of State Highway 64 consistent with other inland waters north of State Highway 64 by implementing a closed bass season and a catch and release bass season.

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